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The news
BAIT, OR LACK OF IT, des patches
AT NEWFOUNDLAND. of yesterday
from London

don give out an interview with Sir Robert Bond in which the Premier of Newfoundland is quoted as saying that the foreign fishing vessels act would continue to be enforced against American vessels. Without making any statement of what everybody here and at Newfoundland knows, we would like to take up one of the statements in the despatch above referred to, which is to the effect that the act would be enforced against American vessels until a fair measure of reciprocity was vouchsafed the Newfoundlanders by the United States.

Now in regard to this reciprocity, the Newfoundlanders all admit that what they want, only, is the free admission of their salt fish into the United States. They further claim, personally and through their press, that the privilege of allowing the United States fishing vessels to take bait at ports on their coast, not included in the Treaty coast, (for at these we have the right so to do) is an equivalent for allowing them the right to bring their fish to this country free of duty.

Let's see how much this much-talked-of bait rights amounts to. First, whether or not it is a standard fact or fleeting illusion. Let's take facts that are facts and see that if, instead of the United States wanting something for nothing, it is not rather the island of Newfoundland which wants the chance to get a millionaire business in exchange for a gold brick, this same gold brick being the much-talked-of bait privilege at her ports.

Last year the bait situation at Newfoundland is well known and it is only necessary to state that some of our bankers had to lay in these same bait ports from four to six weeks without putting a hook in the water, waiting for bait, to show the unsubstantial nature of the article which Newfoundland offers as a recompense for free entry of her salt fish to our ports. Beautiful dream, isn't it? Well calculated to fool those who do not understand the situation.

Now let us take something besides which everybody at home here knows to be correct. Let us take something on this year's situation, right direct from a Newfoundlander, from the Newfoundland correspondence column in a United States paper, and this article says that the latest news from Placentia Bay is to the effect that the fishery there is the worst for 50 years and that families are reported on the verge of hunger in some sections. The same article goes on to state to the effect that, "nor has there been any bait from Trepassey to Rushoon, so that the outlook for the rest of the season is equally hopeless," meaning clearly, of course, that the bad season is due to the lack of bait in this bay. The article further says that in Fortune Bay the situation is but little more favorable.

This is what they call equal to free admission to our markets; this is what they and some reciprocity-mad people at home would have us believe is a fair and just equivalent for a privilege which would ruin the fishing industry of New England. Do you believe it, reader? Do you believe the scales are balanced? Here for two years the bait supply has been a failure at their greatest points, and still they would have us believe and have made some believe that they control the bait supply. As a matter of fact they do not. As a matter of fact, their bait holdings are one big bluff.

One thing shines out above all this and that is the fact that the fleet of American bankers have had little or no difficulty in getting bait-

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ings and this without violating the provisions of the treaty which gave us certain and valuable rights on the now so-called treaty coast.

Just, in closing, listen to this little paragraph, from no less an authority than the St. John's N. F. Herald, which says that "40,000 squid, preserved since last season have occasioned a good sport of fishing at Petty Harbor of late," and winds up with the sentence, "This seems to be an object lesson on the value of cold storage as applied to the staple industry."

Now does not this last show to any fair-minded man the state of the bait situation at Newfoundland this season? Just imagine, if you can, a Newfoundland fisherman using frozen bait if any fresh bait were obtainable. Then again, take the last sentence and see if you think that the statement about the object lesson, etc., coming as it does from one of Newfoundland's greatest newspapers, shows any great faith in her fresh bait fishery. Does it look as if they themselves had the faith in it which they pretend or that they think it is worth what they pretend it is, an equivalent exchange for the free entry of their salt fish into our markets?

The above is a plain statement of facts throughout, and is respectfully referred to those who have had an idea that it is Gloucester which has been crowding "poor" Newfoundland.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, via Boston, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Agnes E. Downes, Middle Bank, 62 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.
Sch. Fanny Prescott, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Smuggler, seining.
Sch. Albert W. Black, shore.
Sch. Eglantine, returned.
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, seining.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, via Boston.
Sch. Arthur Binney, seining.
Sch. Eddie Minot, shore.
Sch. Rapidan, shore.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
Sch. Evangeline, shore.
Sch. Mary Elizabeth, shore.
Sch. Mina Swim, Cape Shore, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt hake, handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Georges, Channel and Cashes large fresh codfish, \$2.25; medium do., \$1.75; all other large fresh codfish \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.62 1-2; Georges, Channel and Cashes fresh haddock, \$1.00; all other fresh haddock, 90 cts.; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 cts.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.05.

Fresh halibut, 6 cts per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.

Large salt mackerel, \$21 per bbl.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$15.25 per bbl.

Large fresh mackerel, 19 cts. each.

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Sch. Teresa and Alice, 30,000 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Genesta, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Alena M. Young, 500 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Lafayette, 30 swordfish.

Sch. V. King, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.

Haddock, \$2.50; large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2.25; hake, \$2; pollock, \$1; swordfish, 11 cts.

Mackerel Notes.

Heath Bros. trap at Kettle Island took 2500 tinker mackerel Tuesday afternoon.

Many of the seiners which have been off Race Point and on Middle Bank for some time have gone to Georges and the Rips to have a look for mackerel there.

The fare of sch. Marguerite sold to Parmenter & Co. at \$15.25 per bbl.

Poor Cod Catch at Lunenburg.

A Lunenburg report says: Fish are likely to sell for an unprecedented price this winter. The amount landed has not been proportionately large and the catches this summer have been in many cases very poor, making the aggregate catch below the average. No bait is to be had at Newfoundland or on the Grand Banks and it is expected that within a few days the fleet will sail for Canso. The situation there is no better despite some exaggerated reports of bait striking in the vicinity, and failing to get bait there the fleet will reach Lunenburg in a few weeks with their present fares, which as has been frequently stated, are not large in the aggregate. This being the case, the prospects are that the price will advance and local authorities quote \$6 as the probable price of fish during the coming winter.

Gasoliner Getting Ready.

Capt. Joshua W. Stanley of this city has commenced to fit out the new gasoline auxiliary schooner Elizabeth Silsbee of Boston at this port. The new craft, after her trial trip, will go haddocking and her movements will be watched with interest.

Pollock Fleet Starting Early.

The pollock fleet is starting early. Sch. James A. Garfield has fitted and sch. William H. Cross is fitting under command of Capt. Murray Iarkin. Several of the small boats have been at it for a few days and found some fish.

Squid on Georges.

The captain of one of the recent handling arrivals from Georges reports some squid on the bank just before he left for home.

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That the life saving
FISHERMEN service of the United
LIFE SAVERS. States is a grand institution there is not the least question, but how many of us fully realize the important part the Gloucester fishermen play in the matter of life saving?

The cases are innumerable where our hardy mariners have faced death without a moment's hesitation and gone to the rescue of some unfortunate fellow men who are about to be taken to a watery grave in a leaking coaster or disabled craft. There is no monetary compensation to prompt the heroic action, but it is due entirely out of a noble, brave and courageous heart. These fishermen are always

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ready to risk their lives at any time, in the face and eyes of terrible seas and mighty winds, to lend aid on the sea, and the work that has been accomplished in the life saving line by these hardy men in their wonderfully stannoh dories has been astounding. In any emergency on the ocean they have never been found wanting.

To the long list of rescues surrounded by grave danger, Capt. Chetwynd and his brave crew of the fishing sch. Volant of this port have added another noteworthy chapter. The saving of nine lives is to their credit, when in raging sea they stood by the foundering three-masted sch. Gertrude L. Trundy, and as the craft was about to make her final plunge, taking nine souls with her, the Gloucester fishermen safely removed to the fishing craft the captain, his wife and the crew of the coaster. Had it not been for the prompt action of the men on the Volant, nothing could have saved these on the plaster-laden craft from death, and when the dory of the Volant reached the sinking vessel's side, death was not far away.

Surely our fishermen must be reckoned in the life-saving service, and all praise and honor to these brave-hearted men. Why would it not be well for congress to pass some law providing for compensation for mariners, who figure in a life saving incident like that of the sch. Volant on Wednesday. The government's life savers on shore are paid; why is not some reward due the fisherman who as heroically and as a volunteer answers the call for help in the open sea?

NOT AMBERGRIS.

So Decides Expert at Provincetown on Sample Submitted.

Opinion Confirmed by Old Whaling Captain.

A despatch from Provincetown yesterday has the following in relation to the alleged ambergris which was found by several men on the beaches about the Cape Ann:

"David C. Stull, the ambergris expert of this town, has decided that the sample of alleged ambergris, sent to him today from Gloucester by Henry O. Nelson, is not that commodity at all. With Mr. Stull when he opened the package was Capt. B. S. Higgins, a successful capturer of ambergris-bearing whales. Both Mr. Stull and Capt. Higgins so declared today, the moment the wrappings were removed. This ends the dream of riches indulged in by Nelson and his Gloucester friends, who made the alleged ambergris find."

A TIMES representative called at Henry O. Nelson's store this forenoon, but Mr. Nelson was not there. The clerk, John H. Harris, said that Mr. Nelson had sent a sample of the alleged ambergris to the expert at Provincetown for examination, but had not heard from the expert since sending the package to Provincetown. Mr. Harris has some of the alleged ambergris in his possession, but would make no comment on the statement of Mr. Stull, the expert.

Big Herring Haul at Grand Menan.

Plenty of herring are reported in the weirs at Seal Cove, Grand Menan, the fishermen taking as many as 500 hog-heads at one tide.

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To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Vigilant, Georges, 18,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Diana, Middle Bank, 5 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.
Sch. Massasoit, Georges, 5 swordfish.
Sch. Nantilus, shore, 1 swordfish.
Sloop Pearl, 1 swordfish.
Sch. M. J. Sewall, Southwest Harbor, 800 qtls. cured fish.
Sch. Annie E. Kimball, Southwest Harbor, 900 qtls. cured fish.
Sch. Lafayette, shore.
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, shore.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, shore.
Sch. Northern Eagle, shore.

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Georges, Channel and Cashes large fresh codfish, \$2.25; medium do., \$1.75; all other large fresh codfish \$2.12 1-2; medium do, \$1.62 1-2; Georges, Channel and Cashes fresh haddock, \$1.00; all other fresh haddock, 90 cts.; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 cts.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.05.

Fresh halibut, 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.

Large salt mackerel, \$21 per bbl.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$15.50 per bbl.

Large fresh mackerel, 19 cts. each.

Boston.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, 40,000 haddock, 2800 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 45,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Regina, 30,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 25,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Buema, 38,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie.

Sch. Evelyn L. Smith.

Sch. Harvester.

Haddock, \$1.25; large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.

Mackerel Notes.

Reports from Boston state that mackerel are schooling 40 miles to the southward of Block Island.

Sch. Massasoit, Capt. James W. Fowler, one of the swordfishing fleet, arrived here this morning from the southeast part of Georges. During a recent heavy easterly the vessel was blown off the bank, off of soundings, and Capt. Fowler reports that after the storm mackerel were schooling there.

The fare of salt tinkers of sch. Agnes E. Downes was sold to Fred. Bradley at \$15.50 per barrel.

FOR WEAKFISH.

Gloucester Seiner Will Now Engage in This Fishery.

Sch. Mary E. Harty To Go in Command of Capt. Cameron.

A Gloucester seiner, on account of the scarcity of mackerel is to engage in another branch of the seining business and in a few days will start for southern waters in search of weakfish.

The man to take up this fishing is Capt. Reuben Cameron, one of the best all around fishmen that ever sailed out of this port, and who last year was high line of the mackerel fleet in his sch. Grayling. On this trip he will go in the gasoline auxiliary sch. Mary E. Harty, and will have a seine made for the business.

Weakfish school as do mackerel and at present are very much in demand in the New York market.

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To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Fanny A. Smith, Bay of Fandy, 180,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Northern Eagle, Middle Bank, 39 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Valkyria, Flemish Cap, 200,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Shenandoah, seining.

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Georges, Channel and Cashes large fresh codfish, \$2.25; medium do., \$1.75; all other large fresh codfish \$2.12 1-2; medium do, \$1.62 1-2; Georges, Channel and Cashes fresh haddock, \$1.00; all other fresh haddock, 90 cts.; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 cts.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.05.

Fresh halibut, 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.

Large salt mackerel, \$21 per bbl.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$15.50 per bbl.

Large fresh mackerel, 19 cts. each.

Boston.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 1500 haddock, 13,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 12,000 haddock, 700 cod, 1200 hake.

Sch. J. F. McMorrow, 6000 haddock, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Laura Enos, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Dorothy, 3000 haddock, 17,000 cod.

Sch. Bertha M. Miller, 13,000 pollock.

Sch. Frances M. Silva, 13,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Marshall L. Adams, 30,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Haddock, \$1 to \$1.10; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$2; pollock, 80 cts.; swordfish, 11 1-2 cts.

Mackerel Notes.

The New England catch of salt mackerel to date is 28,353 barrels against 27,510 barrels at this time last year.

The New England catch of fresh mackerel to date is 55,127 barrels against 46,127 barrels at this time last year.

The receipts of fresh mackerel at Boston from Nova Scotia thus far this season have been 6890 barrels against 4641 barrels last year up to this date.

The imports of new salt mackerel at Boston to date are 10,013 barrels against 4934 barrels at this time last year.

The shipments of Irish salt mackerel to Boston from Liverpool since May 1, have been 17,286 barrels against 8602 barrels at this time last year.

Mackerel Sale.

The salt mackerel fare of sch. Northern Eagle, comprising 38 bbls. of tinkers, sold yesterday to William H. Jordan & Co. for \$15.25 a bbl.